

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of AUGUST, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December 1944 was estimated to be 488,348.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only)

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only

			JULY		7 months ended	
			1945	1944	July 1945	July 1944
Marriages	..	No.	323	321	2,216	2,708
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	7.73	7.80	7.78	9.61
Births	..	No.	864	932	6,481	6,311
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	20.68	22.66	22.76	22.40
Deaths	..	No.	482	440	2,672	2,566
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	11.53	10.70	9.38	9.11
Infant Mortality		No.	26	27	178	200
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	30.09	28.97	27.46	31.69
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			21	14	101	94
Cancer			68	56	345	323
Influenza			-	4	2	7
Diphtheria			2	5	11	12
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			48	40	262	219
Arteriosclerosis			18	15	101	106
Diseases of the Heart			146	94	709	599
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			30	37	156	195
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			-	7	33	33
Nephritis			18	21	104	99
Diseases of Early Infancy			16	12	104	104
Senility			12	24	86	104
Accidents			25	21	141	146
All Other Causes			78	90	517	525
Total			482	440	2,672	2,566

*Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August 1945 totalled 146,582 acres, an increase of 104 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,331,114 acres, a decrease of 693,159 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of August		2 months ended August	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,084,755	1,141,124	2,046,147	2,137,472
Revenue per Head of Population	£2. 4. 1d.	£2. 7. 4d.	£4. 3. 2d.	£4. 8. 0.
Expenditure ..	1,135,890	1,087,485	2,357,235	2,287,237
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2. 6. 2d.	£2. 4. 9d.	£4. 15. 9.	£4. 14. 2d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st August 1945 amounted to £32,749,302, or £66.9.8d. per head of population, as against £26,986,651, or £55.9.10d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 27th August 1945 amounted to £2,667,136, compared with £2,647,848 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			AUGUST		2 months ended August	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	..	(No.	918	917	1,963	1,717
		(£.	405,536	370,874	777,290	724,732
Mortgages	..	(No.	338	232	676	459
		(£.	470,968	255,314	770,566	560,812
Discharges of Mortgages		No.	581	539	1,158	1,044

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

Six Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £426,000, and seven foreign Companies were registered for the two months ended 31st August 1945. For the corresponding period last year there was one Local Company with a nominal capital of £5,000 registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 months ended June					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	3	3,953	2,130	7	9,456	6,795
Deeds of Assignment (a)	2	1,474	1,671	1	780	661
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	JULY		12 months ended June	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Gross Earnings	£. 322,100	343,800	4,276,250	4,386,523
Working Expenses	£. 315,441	291,566	3,764,290	3,795,929
Train miles run	511,112	518,090	6,262,697	6,132,056
Passenger Journeys	(a)	1,384,605	18,099,395	18,773,221
Tonnage carried -				
Paying Goods	199,618	229,606	2,765,099	2,410,417
Livestock	10,344	9,660	139,332	149,720
Departmental (Free Freight)	37,289	45,238	558,553	472,866
Total	247,251	284,504	3,462,984	3,033,003
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	25,563,412	25,377,174	319,516,276	289,195,857
Livestock	1,104,558	1,015,126	15,281,119	17,391,644
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,668,925	6,700,982	78,509,759	69,462,024
Total	33,336,895	33,093,282	413,307,154	376,049,525

(a) Not available.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	-	34	2	8
August	-	12	-	7	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
February	18,261	6,384	244	2,612	30,199	22,687	296	4,193
March	18,265	6,384	244	2,616	30,311	22,913	297	4,240
April	18,380	6,498	244	2,695	30,370	23,185	294	4,376
May	18,464	6,599	244	2,775	30,602	23,590	295	4,487
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
July	17,732	6,019	186	2,483	29,013	22,253	213	3,861
August	17,919	6,171	193	2,635	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - JULY	88	393	4	6

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the month ended July 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

	Imports		Exports (including Ships' Stores)		Total Trade	
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
Interstate	964	987	627	120	1,591	1,107
Overseas	328	413	1,172	1,128	1,500	1,541
TOTAL	1,292	1,400	1,799	1,248	3,091	2,648

BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
AUGUST, 1945	92	68,481	-	-	173	19,207	265	87,688
AUGUST, 1944	44	32,401	-	-	96	8,702	140	41,103
2 months ended August 1945	138	102,010	-	-	346	28,356	484	130,366
2 months ended August 1944	65	43,395	3	8,903	177	14,137	245	66,435

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
AUGUST, 1945	4	2,563	2	100	20	1,312	26	3,975
AUGUST, 1944	-	-	-	-	23	720	23	720
2 months ended August 1945	7	5,503	4	650	47	2,430	58	8,583
2 months ended August, 1944	17	13,505	-	-	51	5,183	68	18,688

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,108,559 lbs. were produced during July 1945, and 12,684,353 lbs. for the twelve months ended June 1945, as against 1,037,628 lbs. and 13,817,434 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		AUGUST		8 months ended August	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	59,414	60,194	321,512	311,194
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	639,448	632,033	3,427,786	3,257,306

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August 1945 amounted to £219,916, as against £554,813 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	AUGUST		2 months ended August	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1069	1071	1069	1070
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1201	1192	1202	1190
Northam	1079	1084	1080	1085
Bunbury	1051	1051	1054	1052
Geraldton	1091	1114	1093	1116

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	133	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	134	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	829	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)		1000	888	828	832	
August	113	119	136	140		987	882	814	832	
Sept.	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	AUGUST		2 months ended August	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	16,687	16,018	34,419	32,695
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	14,154	13,497	29,551	27,526

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